

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young athletes who have enjoyed considerable success through steadfast commitment to the highest standards of excellence; and

**Whereas**, the members of the Lady Bulldogs Softball Team at New Franklin R-I High School in New Franklin, Missouri, distinguished themselves by taking First Place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 1 State Softball Championship held October 27, 2003, in Columbia; and

**Whereas**, the talented Lady Bulldogs competed against the Purdy Lady Eagles in the state championship game, which lasted ten innings and ended with a final score of 1-0 as the third-longest state championship softball game in MSHSAA history for all classes, and the longest ever for Class 1; and

**Whereas**, in addition to state championship victories in 1989 and 2003, the Lady Bulldogs have won thirteen district championships and 21 of the last 23 Central Activities Conference Championships, and have appeared in three Final Four competitions, taking Second Place in 1988, Third Place in 1983, and Fourth Place in 1998; and

**Whereas**, the Lady Bulldogs could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the exemplary leadership provided by Head Coach Terry Early, who boasts an overall record of 347 wins and 119 losses, and Assistant Coach Ross Dowell, both of whom have instilled the important values of teamwork and sportsmanship within all their outstanding players; and

**Whereas**, few high school athletes possess the athletic prowess of Lady Bulldogs Mindy O'Bryan, Whitney Lang, Kolina Pihana, Robyn Harvey, Alyssa McCormick, Jessie Page, Kayla Wies, Katie Winningham, Shani Hyland, Ashley McCormick, Maile Pihana, Sarah Moreau, Ashley McClellan, Leigh Biesemeyer, and Lindsay Pollock; and

**Whereas**, fellow students, faculty and staff at New Franklin High School, parents, and the entire community of New Franklin are exceedingly proud of the Lady Bulldogs for their impressive display of teamwork while continually aspiring towards incredible goals and finishing the season at 20-3 overall:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the 2003-2004 Lady Bulldogs Softball Team for taking First Place in the MSHSAA Class 1 State Softball Championship, and further extend to them our very best wishes for continued success in all their future competitions; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for New Franklin R-I High School in New Franklin, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Wes Shoemyer  
District No. 9

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 497, adopted  
February 11, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker